

**RAVALLI COUNTY DUI TASK FOR PLAN**  
**JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008**

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to the  
State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau  
Montana Department of Transportation  
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The Ravalli County DUI Task Force represents a diverse cross-section of the community including citizens, government officials, law enforcement, business, health professionals, prevention and treatment specialists, and others as appointed by the County Commissioners with the mission of promoting a healthier and safer environment for county residents by reducing the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes through public education, awareness, legislative and enforcement strategies.

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June 12, 2007

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Howard Lyons, Member

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2132**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RAVALLI COUNTY DUI TASK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING 2007 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ASSETS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN**

**WHEREAS**, Section 61-2-105, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) provides that local governments may establish highway traffic safety programs to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries to persons, and damage to property; and

**WHEREAS**, three fatalities have occurred during the calendar year 2006 in Ravalli County from alcohol-related traffic crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County Commissioners has established a DUI Task Force to implement a Traffic Safety Program within Ravalli County with particular emphasis on alcohol-related traffic violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force has established a goal to reduce alcohol-related traffic crashes to 7% of total traffic crashes during the fiscal year 2007 – 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force will continue efforts to reduce unlawful drinking/driving by deploying overtime law enforcement patrols to apprehend DUI offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force will continue to support education programs to eliminate unlawful drinking/driving in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force will provide the opportunity for officers and task force representative to receive training relative to alcohol prevention, education and enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force has prepared a Traffic Safety Plan for fiscal years beginning 2007, which plan requests funding from the Highway Traffic Safety Division of the Montana Department of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force may publicize data regarding DUI enforcement and prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 61-2-105, MCA requires that a local DUI Task Force Traffic Safety Plan be approved and submitted to the Highway Traffic Safety Division for funding.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF RAVALLI, STATE OF MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:**

**SECTION 1: THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSION DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE RAVALLI COUNTY DUI TASK FOR PROGRAM PLAN BEGINNING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 – 2008 AND AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY DUI TASK TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU FOR THEIR APPROVAL.**

**SECTION 2: THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2007.**

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**Greg Chilcott, Chairman**

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**Alan Thompson, Member**

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**Howard W. Lyons, Member**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk & Recorder**

**Approved as to Form:**

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**Ravalli County Attorney**

## OVERVIEW OF THE STATE:

Montana, known as the last best place, spans a land area of 147,138 square miles which includes approximately 73,326 miles of public roadway. As of 2006, 926,865 people resided in the state and 723,976 individuals were licensed to drive. The number of registered motor vehicles totaled 1,434,433. Montana is part of the Rocky Mountain States and as such, tends to be high on roadway departure fatalities and the percent of miles driven that are rural. According to the FY 2008 State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau Traffic Safety Problem Identification pamphlet, very few Montana's vehicle miles traveled occur in the urban environment. Since Montana has the highest percentage of rural vehicle miles traveled in the nation, "it should be no surprise that Montana has the highest fatality rate in the nation" <sup>1</sup>

Also noted is that for two straight years, total fatalities in Montana have increased. There were 34 more fatalities in Montana during 2006 than in 2004. The annual vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in Montana during 1972, was 5.4 billion with 395 fatalities occurring. In 2006, VMT has more than doubled at 11 billion miles traveled; however only 265 fatalities occurred. Although our fatalities have decreased, our vehicle and driver exposure has more than doubled. Historically, western rural states have tended to have rates above the national average. One of the reasons is the greater percentage of rural miles traveled which translates to higher average speeds. <sup>2</sup>

70% of all fatal crashes in Montana are single vehicle crashes and 61% are road departure crashes which usually involve a rollover. There are many reasons why Montana has one of the highest fatality rates in the nation in addition to a high incident of impaired driving. Some of those reasons include:

- A high percentage of driving is rural so that a high percentage of the vehicle miles traveled are at high speeds.
- A high percentage of registered vehicles in the state are pick up and these vehicles have higher fatality rates.
- Restraint use is significantly lower in pickups
- A higher percentage of pick up drivers are male, which are more likely to be impaired and are more likely to drive aggressively. <sup>3</sup>

Economic loss due to traffic crashes increased during 2006. Last year the economic loss for Montana crashes was over 6/10's of a billion dollars. That is an average of over \$670 for every Montana citizen. Loss resulting from alcohol related crashes as about 193 million dollars. <sup>4</sup>

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1) Page 7 Traffic Safety Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

2) Page 12 Traffic Safety Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

3) Page 30 Traffic Safety Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

4) Page 20 Traffic Safety Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

One important safety area of concern is the issue of impaired driving. In the State of Montana, alcohol/drug related crashes accounted for 10.1% of all reported traffic crashes during 2006. Alcohol/drug related crashes tend to result in more severe injuries than do crashes with no impairment. <sup>5</sup>

Montana alcohol fatality rates have decreased more than 50% over the past twenty years. The current alcohol related fatality rate for the nation is 0.56 and for Montana the rate is 1.11. <sup>6</sup>

### **OVERVIEW OF RAVALLI COUNTY:**

Ravalli County is a rural county covering approximately 2,394 square miles in the western part of the state. Our rapid growth trend of the 1990's appears to be continuing in our county, growing 10.9% since 1991 with a population up to 40,000. Ravalli County's population is estimated to reach 60,000 by 2020.

In the year 2006, Ravalli County registered 45,080 vehicles. As the population increases in our county, so does the number of registered vehicles and the number of vehicle miles traveled. The increasing number of vehicles on our rural roads affects the safety of our community. A major concern for our county, like any other Montana County, is the issue of alcohol/drug related traffic collisions occurring on our roadways. Most families own two vehicles. Add a teen age driver and the number of vehicles and miles traveled increases dramatically.

Highway 93 is the U.S. Highway that runs north and south through our 96 mile long county. This highway is heavily traveled, and travel is difficult and dangerous, especially in the winter months. Many collector roads, driveways and farm approaches intersect Highway 93. Sections of the highway are being constructed to a four lane highway with no center divider. Within the next 3-5 years, the highway from the Ravalli County line north to south of Hamilton will be fully constructed as a four lane highway. While some tout the four lane highway to be safer for motor vehicles, it is obvious the traffic will move at a faster rate and commuting to other comities will become more frequent.

The State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau's "County Ranking for Traffic Safety" ranks each of the fifty-six counties in the state based on several factors such as severe crash; alcohol crashes; pedestrian, bike, motorcycle; restraint usage and the ability to respond to the problem. This ranking is one of several factors utilized for the funding of safety programs. In 2006, Ravalli County's general rank for traffic safety among the fifty-six counties is seven, which was consistent with previous years. Ravalli County is ranked fifth for severe crashes in 2006, and as reflected in the 2007 draft plan, our severe crash rank is now sixth, with an alcohol crashes rank at eight. <sup>7</sup>

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5) Page 31 Traffic Safety Problem Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

6) Page 35 Traffic Safety Problem Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

7) Page 89 Traffic Safety Problem Identification FY 2008 Draft Plan

One could surmise that while our population is rising, so are the number of registered vehicles and number of drivers. However our traffic safety ranking is holding pretty much the same for the past several years.

The percent of alcohol/drug related crashes has been on the decline since the late 70's. In 1979 the number of alcohol related crashes was 24.3% of the total number of crashes. In 2004, the number of alcohol related crashes was 7.9%, and in 2006 the number of alcohol drug related crashes was 8.2%. Our number of fatalities and injuries has declined slightly with a total of three fatalities and forty one injuries that were alcohol related.

As with our previous DUI Task Force plans, the number of Justice Court DUI Filings appear to be falling in our county. Between 6/1/3003 and 5/30/2004, there were a total of 306 DUI cases filed in Justice Court. Between 6/1/2004 and 5/30/2005, there were a total of 234 DUI cases filed in Justice Court. Between 6/1/2005 and 5/4/2006, there were a total of 203 DUI cases filed in Justice Court. Beginning in January, 2006, a new software system began and the DUI offences were counted on a calendar year. Between 1/1/2006 and 12/31/2006 there were a total of 187 cases filed in Justice Court. A break down of those DUI offenses follows:

- DUI first offense                    139
- DUI second offense                27
- DUI third offense                    4
- Felony DUI                            17

Justice Court had a total of 150 convictions (not counting any felony convictions) during this calendar year. It will be interesting to tract the number of filings and convictions for the year 2007, which will be noted in our next year's plan.

Beginning July of 2005, the Ravalli County DUI Task Force began conducting compliance checks for sales to minors in stores through out the county jurisdiction. During the first compliance check, seven out of ten stores sold alcohol to minors. In March of 2006, the number of stores selling in the county jurisdiction was four out of sixteen stores. However, within the city jurisdiction, seven out of eight stores sold alcohol to minors. Since that time, two more compliance checks have been held. Within the city jurisdiction, no stores sold out of the eight stores visited and only one store out of eleven stores in the county jurisdiction sold alcohol to minors. These last two compliance checks show positive trends towards educating store owners and clerks.

While some of these numbers show a declining trend of DUI filings, Ravalli County continues to be challenged with sales to persons less than 21 years of age, repeat DUI offenders and the number of alcohol related fatalities/collisions. We feel good progress has been made in the attempts to reduce alcohol related crashes in Ravalli County. However, we need to continue our efforts on reducing the impaired driver and step up our efforts to educate the public on seat belt protection.

To enhance the effectiveness of Ravalli County's impaired driving program in preventing injuries, saving lives, and reducing economic costs of motor vehicles crashes,

this plan supports the priority recommendations of the State's Impaired Driving Assessment conducted by the national Highway Traffic Safety Administration Technical Assistance Team on May 22-27, 2005. The final report can be found at: [http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/brochures/safety/impaired\\_2005.pdf](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/brochures/safety/impaired_2005.pdf)

### **PROGRAM GOAL:**

The goal of the Ravalli County DUI Task Force Strategic Plan for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, is to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes, decrease the county's ranking of Traffic Safety Problems, decrease the number of DUI filings in Justice Court and reduce the number of minors cited for possession of alcohol by implementing the methods and strategies as outlined below. These reductions, in turn, will lower the economic costs associated with ensuing injuries and deaths.

### **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION BY THE DUI TASK FORCE:**

The Ravalli County DUI Task Force represents a diverse cross section of the community that includes citizens, government officials, law enforcement, health professionals, prevention and treatment specialists, and others committed to reducing alcohol related traffic crashes in Ravalli County by implementing best practice traffic safety counter measures. One of the important activities of the Task Force is bringing various parties together to focus and coordinate efforts and acquire and share resources. The Ravalli County DUI Task Force is committed to carry out the objectives set forth in this strategic plan for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

### **DUI Program Coordinator:**

A program responding to the many objectives and strategies contained in the Ravalli County DUI Plan requires some expenditure for accounting services, planning, coordination and administration. The Ravalli County DUI Task Force will set aside \$3,000 for the 2007 – 2008 DUI Task Force Coordinator. This amount is estimated upon four to five hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. The DUI Program Coordinator will be responsible for the following:

- Implementing and monitoring the Ravalli County DUI Plan;
- Administering DUI overtime contracts with local law enforcement agencies;
- Writing and submitting the Ravalli County DUI Plan, quarterly reports, chairing the quarterly DUI Task Force meetings; and the year-end report to the County Commissioners and State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau;
- Serving as the liaison to the media, the State Highway Traffic Safety Bureau and other community and state groups.
- In order to maximize the county's resources for traffic safety, the coordinator will serve as an active partner in other related community coalitions focusing on alcohol-related concerns. To assist regional and state level traffic system

improvements, the coordinator will continue as a member of the State Safe Kids/Safe Communities Advisory Board.

**SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR THE RAVALL COUNTY DUI PROGRAM:**

**1) POLICY AND LEGISLATION:**

**A) Objective:** Increase probability that impaired drivers will be subject to swift, sure and appropriate sanctions.

**Strategy:** Support rigorous DUI laws.

**Method:** Provide legislators and constituents with information needed to introduce and enact primary seat belt law and DUI laws in the state of Montana that is sound.

**Timeline:** Prior to the appropriate legislative session and upon request during the legislative sessions.

**2) ENFORCEMENT:**

**A) Objective:** Increase risk perception of being arrested and convicted for DUI

**Strategy:** Support efforts for Law Enforcement Officers

**Method:** Fund DUI Overtime shifts for patrol activity. The Ravalli County Task Force may provide funds for enhanced DUI patrols and roadside safety spot checks by officers working overtime. The increased presence of law enforcement vehicles will send the message that impaired driving will not be tolerated. DUI overtime contracts will be awarded to the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton Police Department, Darby Police Department and Montana Highway Patrol. The DUI Task Force Coordinator will administer/monitor the contracts and collect quarterly arrest data from participating agencies.

**Timeline:** ongoing, upon request, special events and availability of funds.

**B) Objective:** Identify any felony DUI offenders who may be consuming alcohol in violation of terms of probation or parole.

**Strategy:** Support efforts for State Probation & Parole Officers

**Method:** Fund overtime shifts for State Probation & Parole Officers. The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide the Department of Corrections – State Probation and Parole a contract to fund overtime shifts for Probation and Parole Officers in Ravalli County to handle bar and home checks to assist in the identification of any felony DUI offenders

who may be consuming alcohol in violation of terms of probation or parole. The contract will be administered/monitored by the DUI Task Force Coordinator.

**Timeline:** ongoing, upon request and availability of funds.

**C) Objective:** Increase in enhance patrol presence in areas where juveniles congregate and use alcohol and other drugs.

**Strategy:** Support efforts of law enforcement officers

**Method:** Fund overtime shifts for patrol activity. The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds to local law enforcement/federal law enforcement agencies for overtime shifts focused on kegger patrols. Contracts will be awarded to law enforcement agencies within Ravalli County which will be administered/monitored by the DUI Task Force Coordinator.

**Timeline:** ongoing, upon request and availability of funds.

**D) Objective:** Increase the difficulty for minors in their ability to purchase alcohol though the use of compliance checks.

**Strategy:** Support efforts of law enforcement officers

**Method:** Fund overtime compliance checks for law enforcement officers and provide training for local merchants in regard to laws governing the sales of alcohol to minors. The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds to local law enforcement agencies for overtime shifts for compliance checks. Contracts will be awarded to law enforcement agencies within Ravalli County which will be administered/monitored by the DUI Task Force Coordinator.

**Timeline:** Two compliance checks per plan year

### 3) EDUCATION/AWARENESS/INTERVENTION

**A) Objective:** Provide TIPS training for law enforcement officers who will then provide Responsible Alcohol Sales Training (RAST) for local merchants.

**Strategy:** Support law enforcement officers in TIPS training and provide RAST training to local merchants.

**Method:** The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds to train two Ravalli County Sheriff Deputies and two Hamilton Police Department Officers in using the TIPS program. The officers will then conduct two RAST training sessions each year to

convenience and grocery store owners. Funding will be administered/monitored by the DUI Task Force.

**Timeline:** Provide the training by a TIPS Trainer and two RAST sessions for local merchants per plan year.

**B) Objective:** Impaired Driver Education Program (IDEP) within the Driver Education classes at local high schools and IDEP for community education.

**Strategy:** Support the local Driver Education Teachers and Driver Education Students in learning about impaired driving.

**Method:** The Ravalli County DUI Task Force will provide funds necessary to operate IDEP for Drivers Education Classes in the valley High Schools and outreach to various community groups such as 4-H, Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. IDEP includes the use of a Yamaha Rhino and course set up where the student will drive the course in an un-impaired mode and impaired mode (with the Fatal Vision Goggles ™). (See the enclosed DVD which gives a full visual of the program and the enclosed pictures of the Yamaha Rhino and cargo trailer). The Rhino is taken to each community and high school by way of a cargo trailer. Law Enforcement Officers also attend these impaired driving programs working one on one with the students on the issues of impaired driving.

**Timeline:** Provide ongoing IDEP to valley high school students and community groups through out the year. Please note: Ravalli County just started this program in May and thus far we have provided this program to the Sober Saturday Teens, Darby and Victor Drivers Education classes for a total of 50 teenagers. We currently have bookings for Stevensville and Florence High School Drivers Education classes which will total another 60 students.

**C) Objective:** ACT Victims Impact Panel

**Strategy:** Support Western Montana Addiction Services counselors and DUI Offenders in the curriculum that deals with the consequences and the law, the physiological effects of alcohol and drinking and driving, the psychological and social implications of substance use and self assessment.

**Method:** The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds necessary to pay state rate mileage to the victims of DUI crashes who participate in the victims impact panel that is presented to the DUI offenders when they are ordered by the court to participate in the state approved ACT/DUI Program through the Western Montana Addiction Services.

**Timeline:** Ongoing throughout the year.

**D) Objective:** Support Designated Driver Programs

**Strategy:** Provide promotional material and or monetary support for designated driver programs on a local level.

**Method:** The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds necessary to pay for promotional materials such as napkins, buttons, cups, etc. and publicity such as posters, radio and TV advertising.

**Timeline:** Ongoing throughout the year and to coincide with national promotional dates such as Red Ribbon Week.

**E) Objective:** Increase Public Perception that Impaired Driving will result in arrest.

**Strategy:** Support a comprehensive year-round public information and educational campaign to enhance general deterrence by increase knowledge and awareness, changing attitudes and modifying behavior.

**Method:** The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds necessary to pay for educational speakers who will help educate the public about the consequences of underage drinking and impaired driving. The Ravalli County DUI Task Force may provide funds necessary to pay for educational programs such as the Your Choice Program, traffic safety presentations and high visibility messages such as billboards, radio and TV advertising.

**Timeline:** Ongoing through out the year to coincide with high-risk times throughout the year such as graduation, St Patrick's Day, New Year's Eve etc.

#### **4) EVALUATION:**

Outcomes to the strategies outlined in this plan will be monitored. Due to limited resources, we recognize that it is not possible to conduct a sophisticated evaluation on all aspects of our plan. Instead, specifics will be provided about particular projects such as the IDEP, compliance checks, and responsible alcohol sales/service training. To measure our county's progress we will review the annual trend data for:

- Alcohol related fatalities and injuries for all ages
- Percent of drinking drivers ages 15-19 for arrests, and fatal/injury crashes

In accordance with MCA 61-2-106 Ravalli County DUI Task Force will evaluate the effectiveness of the program annually and submit this evaluation to the County governing body. A copy of this annual report may be submitted to the highway Traffic Safety Office. At a minimum this evaluation must include the following information.

- 1) 187 citizens were arrested for DUI and 150 citizens (plus any felony convictions) were convicted of DUI in Ravalli County between the dates of

January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. This is a decrease of 20% from the same time period a year ago.

- 2) There were 58 alcohol related traffic crashes between the dates of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. This is a decrease of 10 alcohol related traffic crashes from the same time period a year ago or .5% according to Table 21 on pages 37 of the Problem Identification handout as published by the State.

An evaluation of the Ravalli County DUI Task Force previous year's plan shows the following objectives were accomplished:

**Objective 1:** A decrease in the alcohol-related crashes.

**Result:** Although we sought to have a reduction from 8.7% to 6.5% in last years plan, we find a slight reduction from 8.7% to 8.2%.

**Objective 2:** Decrease Ravalli County's ranking for Traffic Safety problems

**Result:** Although we sought to reduce our ranking of Traffic Safety problems, we are still ranked as seven according to the Problem Identification handout as published by the State (found on page 87 for the year 2005 and page 89 for the year 2006. We find this to be a positive in meeting our objectives due to the rise in population and number of vehicles registered in Ravalli County.

**Objective 3:** Decrease the number of DUI filings in Justice Court from 234 to 200.

**Result:** The number of DUI filings in Justice Court has in fact been reduced to 187.

**Objective 4:** Reduce the number of minors cited for possession of alcohol from 126 to 100.

**Result:** The number of minors cited for possession of alcohol was reduced to 95.

**Ravalli County DUI Task Force Budget  
 FY 2007/08  
 July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008**

It is estimated that approximately \$21,000.00 per year will be deposited into the Ravalli County DUI Task Force budget by the State through the driver's license reinstatement fees. Currently the DUI Task Force has \$20,000 in contingency (carry over) funds. These contingency funds will be utilized for the upcoming budget year for any needed supplies or special projects that exceed the expected DUI reinstatement fees and are noted under Supplies in the amount of \$3,000. Any other use of these funds will be addressed by the DUI Task Force and by budget amendment. Unspent balances remaining in any line item budget will be placed back in the contingency fund.

Coordinator Glenda Wiles will also donate her \$3,000 coordinator salary back to the DUI Task Force to be specifically utilized for the IDEP Program

<u>Administration/Coordination</u>		\$ 3,000 <donated back>
<u>Enforcement</u>		\$10,500
OT funds: Montana Highway Patrol	\$1,500	
OT funds: Ravalli Co. Sheriff's Office	\$3,000	
OT funds: Darby Police Department:	\$1,500	
OT funds: Hamilton Police Department	\$1,500	
OT Probation & Parole Officers	\$1,000	
Compliance Checks	\$1,500	
<u>Education/Awareness/Intervention</u>		\$10,450
TIPS/RAST Training & Materials	\$ 800	
IDEP	\$7,500	
ACT Victims Impact Panel	\$ 400	
Promotional Materials	\$ 250	
Public Perception (TV, Radio, Billboards)	\$1,500	
	TOTAL:	\$20,950.00
<u>Supplies (from Contingency)</u>		\$ 3,000
Purchase of needed equipment/supplies (Intoxilizer gas, mouth pieces, tapes, postage, meals/lodging/mileage/quarterly task force meetings)		

## Ravalli County DUI Task Force Members

The Ravalli County DUI Task Force will consist of the following members:

- **Glenda Wiles** has currently served in the capacity of the Ravalli County DUI Task Force Coordinator since 1996. Glenda served eighteen years in a California Law Enforcement agency and has been employed as the Administrative Assistant to the Ravalli County Commissioners for the past fourteen years. The Commissioners have allowed Glenda to perform some of her Coordinator duties during her regular office hours. Her position within the Commissioners Office is a valuable asset to her role as the DUI Task Force Coordinator due to her ability to network with other government policy makers, providers, school officials, law enforcement, and other concerned citizens. Glenda was instrumental in starting a local MADD Chapter in Butte County, California, having served as past President and Treasurer of the local chapter. She is the mother of three.
- **County Attorney George Corn** has served sixteen years as the Ravalli County Attorney. George is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Montana County Attorneys Association, and past President of the County Attorney Association. George has also been involved in successful lobbying at the state level for DUI laws and assisted in the implementation of the Ravalli County Open Container Ordinance.
- **Sheriff Chris Hoffman** has served over twenty two years as a Law Enforcement Officer. Some of that service includes working as a Detective, School Resource Officer and Sheriff of Ravalli County.
- **Montana Highway Patrol Lieutenant Pete Richardson** started his career in 1972 working for the U.S. Air Force as a Security Police Officer. Since that time he has worked for other local police departments and state offices performing a variety of law enforcement functions such as patrol, undercover drug enforcement, firearms instructor, training officer, correctional officer & traffic collision reconstructionist.
- **Dave Hunkapillar, Owner of Youth Connections LLC** is a retired law enforcement officer and has contracted with the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Youth Court for Community Based Services since 2000. He developed and oversees the current Community Service Work and Intensive Supervision Programs. He participates in the 'Sober Saturday' and Community Unified Sanctioning for Minors in Possession programs which is designed for first-time alcohol offenders stressing the consequences of underage alcohol use and auto insurance. This program also provides an overview of the physical addiction process.
- **Justice Court Clerk Jennifer Ray** is currently the Administrative Assistant to the Justice Court Judge Jim Bailey. She is a clerk for most of the arraignment proceedings which include DUI's. Jennifer can lend insight to the trends of DUI cases for both adults and teens. She is an Emergency Medical Technician who has also served on the local ambulance service and currently provides Medic First Aid Training. She is a mother of three children and has lived in the valley all of her life.

- **Ivy Stirling** has been the Bitterroot Safe Kids Safe Community Coordinator for the past six years. She is a mother of two, a community educator, and was a former Ravalli County Extension Agent. Ivy is committed to promoting safety through education.
- **Citizen Dennis Vick** currently works for the Department of Revenue as a Tax Assessor and volunteers for his community as an Emergency Medical Technician at the south end of the valley. He believes the public should be educated in matters of drinking and driving which will help our pro-active efforts to improve traffic safety.
- **Jim Mason** is a licensed addiction counselor with a Masters Degree in Psychology. He is the Manager of the Western Montana Addiction Services and has been in this field of service for twenty five years. He has served and participated in numerous community coalitions, youth prevention activities and task forces which include the Drug Endangered Children's Task Force.

**Meeting Schedule for Ravalli County DUI Task Force  
For July 1 2007 – June 30, 2008**

The following are the tentative dates set for the upcoming fiscal year:

July 26, 2007

October 25, 2007

January 31, 2008

April 24, 2008

DUI TASK FORCE MEETING  
MINUTE SUMMARY  
APRIL 23, 2007

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**Noon meeting** – Working lunch held in the Commissioners Conference Room – 2.5 hours

**Members Present:**

Glenda Wiles, Coordinator  
Dave Hunkapillar, (Youth Connections)  
Pete Richardson (MHP)  
Dennis Vick (DOR)  
Jennifer Ray (Justice Court)  
George Corn (Co. Attorney)  
Chris Hoffman (Sheriff)

It was noted Ivy was absent due to being called out of town at the last minute. A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Guests Present:**

John Bell (Deputy County Attorney)  
Kayla Jaquith (Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer)  
Rob LaBaier (Stevensville Reserve Officer)  
Page Gough, Airport Manager

**Treasurer Report:** Glenda relayed there is a current balance of \$19,689.00. There are only a couple of bills outstanding: today's lunch; video balance; OT/mileage for S.O. on last compliance check and t.v./dvd/vcr purchase. Glenda received the last TV. free from Vann's and it was not working well and did not include a DVD player. That TV. is still being utilized in main lobby for citizens to watch as they wait for their license plates. The DUI Task Force has advertising placed on the TV. She is also expecting another deposit from the state sometime in May, anticipating \$4-5,000.

**Current Projects:**

**Impaired Driving Education Program (IDEP):**

Glenda addressed the completion of the IDEP (Impaired Driving Education Program). It was noted on November 15 2006, the Task Force appropriated \$13,500 for this project. Glenda noted she came in at \$13,454.20. (See agenda for break down). The only items left on this are the remaining video payment of \$100.00 and the salaries were not part of this total amount. She noted this amount does not include any wiring or trailer hitch because the pick up they are utilizing has that equipment on it. At a later date, if they purchase a pick up, money will need to be expended to put the hitch and brake controller on that vehicle. She also noted in order to save money they purchased a variety of large

cones (around \$7.00 each) and small cones for much less. After they prepare the course a few times with students, it might be necessary to expend funds to purchase more large cones. The group concurred with those purchases.

The promo video was then shown and the group was very excited and pleased with the program. Much discussion was held on showing this to other counties, sending out promo videos and letters to driver education teachers/community leaders in order to get some bookings. Discussion also took place on the use of volunteers, utilizing law enforcement officers which both Pete (MHP) and Chris (RCSO) stated they would try to have available on regular shifts. If they are not available on regular shifts then Overtime will need to be paid to these officers. All agreed it is important to have officers present as it lends seriousness to the project and it is important to have the one on one dialogue with the students.

Discussion included having educational information for the officers (laminated so it can be utilized each time), and opening this program up to people who come through the court system such as ACT and referrals from Justice Court and Rocky Mountain Traffic Schools. It was agreed to get the program running well first; to see how much time and cost is involved, then expand the program if finances allow it and if the Task Force feels it would be beneficial to the cause.

Discussion also took place about what Page Gough, Mike Wiles and Glenda Wiles learned from their first program (see the video taping), where 17 teens went through the exercise. It was agreed the teens will only be allowed to run the course twice, as they like to drive faster the third time around. The number of people needed will be a minimum of three people for course instruction. It takes at least two people to set up the course of cones and replace the cones as each teen drives the course along with the one instructor who is always in the Rhino with the teen. Page was introduced as a helper in this project. He, like Glenda and Wiles Construction will be paid for their time. Glenda has met with the Commissioners for approval on utilizing employees, and how they will be paid (Over time and straight time) and the contract that was written for Wiles Construction or any other private individual. Glenda will also enter into a contract with Dave Hunkapillar of Youth Connections as he too has the private contractors certification and insurance that is needed for non employees. Page has an ATV safety certification and is a qualified instructor, and he will be utilized for training those that wish to participate and or volunteer in the program

Glenda noted she has utilized her personal one ton truck for the trailer and rhino hauling thus far, and has entered into a contract with Wiles Construction for the hauling, setting up cones, maintenance, clean up and assisting with project. However, after this project gets off the ground and the 'bugs' are worked out; she would not like to rely on her personal truck. Page has also offered the use of his ½ ton truck also. The issue is having the right hitch; electric brake control and proper wiring which is a 'safety must' when the unit is being hauled. Discussion included purchasing a pickup (½ ton or ¾ ton) with the Airport Department as they do not have enough the purchase their own vehicle. The Airport Manager (Page Gough) would utilize the truck during the week and the IDEP

program would utilize the pick up for the actual programs. Plus Page has offered to store the trailer and rhino inside the new shop at the airport which will help keep the trailer and rhino in good shape. Pete asked if the DUI Task Force should lease or rent the airport pickup when needed rather than help to purchase one. Discussion took place about that suggestion. George felt it would be better to purchase the pick up and have a memorandum of understanding with the Airport Manager, about the use of the truck, so there would be no problems on the usage and storage of the trailer/Rhino. Page agreed he would have the unit hooked to the pick up when needed and he only sees his use of the pickup during day time hours which frees the unit on weekends and evenings for the IDEP bookings. George made a motion to utilize \$2,000 of DUI Funds towards the purchase of a pick up with the Airport; with a M.O.U to read that the trailer and Rhino will be stored inside the shop building, maintenance to be paid for by the Airport and DUI will pay for their own gas. Jennifer seconded the motion and all voted "aye" except Pete who voted 'nay". Motion carried. The Road Department is working with the State in order to procure a surplus vehicle in good condition. Glenda and Page will also look to a private vendor for possible purchase. Glenda also noted if the pick up that is purchased does not have the proper hitch, brake controls and wiring that will also need to be done. The members occurred that is a safety must and should be paid for with DUI Funds.

#### **One Year Plan:**

Glenda indicated she will be putting the one year plan together in May. She asked the members if there were interested in helping her write the plan. Jennifer indicated she would have some statistics from Justice Court. Everyone felt comfortable with Glenda writing the plan based on the following discussion.

Discussion included the sustainability for the **IDEP Project**. Glenda indicated she will continue to donate her salary back (based on \$3,000 per year), but instead of this money being the over 'over flow' money that is needed for various over runs or projects; she would like to specifically utilize that money to the IDEP Project. Every year they utilize approximately \$3-3,500 for a specific youth education project and this first year she would like to utilize that money, plus her coordinators salary for the IDEP Project. That would put a minimum of \$6,500 into this project for the first year. She noted she may increase those funds up to \$8,000. After the first year, they can re-evaluate the sustainability needs. Obtaining grant money was discussed, but it was agreed to hold off on that until they see the exact needs. However the members concurred it is important this program be properly funded, so if more funds are needed, contingency monies from the budget can be utilized.

**OT monies** – for law enforcement runs. It was agreed the monies will basically stay the same. Many of the agencies utilize STEP Grant money so what ever is not utilized will be left over for contingency funds or for future budgets.

**Compliance Checks:** - It was agreed to stay with two to three checks per year, budgeting the same amount.

**Bill Boards:** Glenda will find out any new costs for a billboard campaign. Members were encouraged to come up with a campaign, if not Glenda has an idea for a progressive set of billboards for BAC/Impairment.

**Enforcement Supplies:** Pete and Chris agreed to review any special needs they might have and get back to Glenda.

**Special Projects:** ? Everyone agreed to put the time and energy into the IDEP this year.

**Local Business Concerns on Compliance Checks:** The only store that failed in March (County jurisdiction check was done, not city) was Corvallis Merc. It was a new clerk and she was fired on the spot. The store owners are good people, trying to do what is right, having training etc. and this is their third cite in less than one year. Glenda received a phone call from the owners and from Brian at the Lone Pine Store about the possibility of putting more responsibility on the clerk rather than the store. (See Ivy's letter also).

Discussion took place from a legal perspective. Both John and George stated it is important that the store bear this responsibility. However, everyone agreed the Task Force could put some information together that the store could sign off on to show they are being diligent. Then if they are cited, this information along with a letter from the DUI Task Force, could go to the DOR for their review as they have some latitude in their terms of finds etc. Glenda will work with Ivy and the store owners to see what kind of information can be put together to show their daily diligence in this regard.

**Stevi PD radio request:** Rob of Stevensville PD stated they are in desperate need of two radios for their cars. This has ended up being a safety issue for them and they are not receiving any funds from the City of Stevensville. Discussion included the radios being P25 complaint and digital. George stated this is a city agency and he was not sure how the purchase of regular equipment would hold up when they collect their own tax dollars as an incorporated agency, and obtain DUI Task Force monies. He stated the previous purchase of the two PBT's was very specific to DUI's particularly when two or three recent fatalities (DUI's) came from their jurisdiction. But he felt uncomfortable talking about the purchase of radios. Discussion included putting a letter together from the DUI Task force as a 'shame on them letter' for not taking care of the basic officer safety for their employees. Chris indicated he was going to meet with Stevensville Chief of Police Marbel tonight as there was a city counsel meeting and he would broach this issue. Until then, it was agreed to hold off on any letter to the city counsel and particularly any purchase.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.